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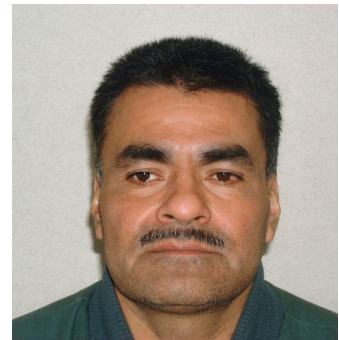
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ICE DEPORTS VIOLENT CONVICT TO MEXICO

Sexual predator served five years for rape of a minor

NEW YORK—U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Detention and Removal Operations (DRO) today announced the deportation of Sabino Lucino Perez to Mexico, after his five-year sentence in New York on a conviction for rape in the first degree of a minor.

Perez was convicted Dec. 18, 2001. Perez, a citizen of Mexico, entered the United States from Mexico in the early 1980s illegally. On Nov. 22, 2000, Perez was arrested and charged with rape, incest assault, sexual abuse, endangering the welfare of a child and criminal contempt.



"By working closely with state corrections and law enforcement partners, ICE is able to identify and deport criminal aliens like Perez -- before they return to the streets -- to potentially commit additional crimes," said John Longshore, Acting Chief of DRO's Criminal Alien Division. "With each criminal removal, we are sending a clear message of ICE's commitment to restoring integrity to our immigration system."

During the 2004 Fiscal Year, which ended Sept. 30, DRO officers removed more than 114,000 status violators to Mexico; approximately 65,000 were criminal aliens. Last year was a record-setting year for DRO removals, more than 160,000 aliens were deported. Of that number, approximately 85,000 were criminal aliens.

This removal is part of Operation Predator, a nationwide ICE initiative designed to protect children from sexual predators, including those who travel overseas for sex with minors, Internet child pornographers, criminal alien sex offenders and child sex traffickers. Since Operation Predator was launched in July 2003, ICE agents in New York have arrested more than 319 alleged and convicted sexual predators to date. Nationwide, ICE agents have arrested more than 5,000 sexual predators and deported more than 2,100 foreign national child predators.

ICE encourages the reporting of suspected child predators and any suspicious activity through its toll-free hotline at 1-866-DHS-2ICE. Investigators staff this hotline around the clock. Suspected child sexual exploitation or missing children may be reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, an Operation Predator partner, at 1-800-843-5678 or www.cybertipline.com

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.